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Dear Sirs:

Please enter the following amendments prior to the first evaluation of this application.

AMENDMENTS

Please cancel Claims 1-12 without prejudice or disclaimer. Please enter the following new Claims 13-24.

13. A method of reducing the dust behavior of silicates, wherein the comminuted silicate is surface-coated with a polysiloxane-polyether copolymer.
14. The method according to claim 13, wherein from 0.1 to 4 wt.-% of polysiloxane-polyether copolymer is used in coating.

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